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In re patent application of

Minoru Yoshimura

Serial No. 09/537,775

Filed March 29, 2000

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AND APPARATUS FOR PASSIVE  
OPTICAL NETWORK SYSTEM

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In response to the Office Action mailed September 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification:** There are no amendments to the specification in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims:** Amendments to the claims are indicated by the notation "currently amended" in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** In a separate letter, new sheets of drawing for Figures 24 and 26 bearing the legend -PRIOR ART- are being submitted.

**Remarks:** The "REMARKS" section begins on page 12 of this paper.

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